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Special Notice to Subscribers.

We renew the liberal offer made to our subscribers last year, of which we trust, they will take immediate advantage, viz:

All persons in arrears who will send us the amount now due, at the rate of \$2 per year and two dollars in addition, shall receive credit for all past indebtedness, and for a year's subscription in advance. This offer to stand open until the 1st of January, 1872. All payments made at this office, or by mail, or to our authorized agents previous to that date, will be credited in accordance with the terms above stated.

The Plundered South.

Facts that are slowly coming to light about the conduct of State officials in many parts of the South, warrant us in believing that the administration of their finances has been marked by the grossest profligacy and dishonesty. Legislatures composed of rogues and ignoramuses, have been bribed and wheedled into the support of extravagant measures, and the corruptors who rode into power on top of the wave of ignorance that enveloped the body politic when negroes were admitted to the rights of citizenship, have found a convenient opportunity to gorge themselves with plunder. Excessive taxes have been levied on an impoverished people. When the money from this source was exhausted by theft and wastefulness, resort was had to loans, and a fearful burden of debt saddled upon the public. Like the Tammany ring, the rings that held the purse-strings of the Southern States, have in many cases concealed the true state of affairs, so that probably the half has not yet been told us, but enough is known to excite astonishment at the extent of their pilferings, and the gravest forebodings for the future of those States.

As a first instance, let us look at Louisiana. Between 1850 and 1860 the State tax of Louisiana averaged about twenty-five cents on a hundred dollars; in 1870 it was \$1.45 on the hundred dollars, and in 1871 over \$2.00. In 1860 the State debt was ten millions of dollars; in 1868 it was fourteen millions, and in 1871 forty-nine millions. The legislative sessions used to cost from one to two hundred thousand dollars, but the session for 1870 cost seven hundred and fifty thousand. The State treasury support at a cost of four hundred thousand dollars, some thirty newspapers printed in the country districts, and for the most part conducted by members of the legislature.

From Florida a reliable correspondent of the New York Tribune wrote lately that as a consequence of three years of such government as Florida has been and is afflicted with, under a governor elected by the most abominable fraud and corruption, the State is bankrupt, and the people taxed to a point that incites a spirit of revolt, and a disposition to free themselves of their rulers by the aid of a vigilante committee.

In South Carolina the government has been shamelessly extravagant and doubtless corrupt. The amount of the State debt is in dispute. Some authorities place it at thirty millions, two-thirds of the amount being of recent origin. In Georgia a similar condition of things exists. The State has engaged in aiding railroad enterprises, and there are good reasons for believing that frauds have been practised in connection with those speculations. Governor Bullock fled the State, and it is generally believed that he did so because his conduct as governor would not stand investigation.

All these States are rapidly coming to the point where they will be confronted by the question of repudiation—a question which the Legislature of North Carolina is already considering. The State suffered in 1867 and 1868, from the corrupt administration of Governor Holden. The carpet-bag legislature of that year authorized the issue of bonds to the amount of over sixteen millions of dollars for railroad purposes, and of that vast sum it is stated that fifteen and a half million were expended, only a half million being saved on the roads. This large issue brings the sum total of the debt up to thirty-four millions of dollars. The governor in his message to the legislature recently assembled, pronounced the financial situation exceedingly grave, and there was introduced in the House and referred to the finance committee, a resolution rectifying that the State is unable to discharge the debt, and instructing the judiciary committee to report a bill for the repudiation of the entire State debt. The introduction of this resolution is of course not tantamount to the repudiation of the debt, but we wish that there were less reason to fear such action. Other States, Mississippi, for instance, repudiated their debts in open time with less reason than North Carolina has had to day.

The refusal of any State to pay her just debts would not merely affect the interest of that State. It would be a national calamity. We have suffered and are suffering to-day in our national credit, at home and abroad, from the breach of State faith. If North Carolina will not pay her debts, the capitalist may say, neither will her influence be thrown in favor of the payment of the national debt.

Deplorable as above facts are, it is not easy to point out a remedy. In States where the white population is largely in excess of the black, the remedy, or rather the stay of the carpet-bag governments from power. But where the negroes are in a large majority, as in South Carolina, they may long continue to outvote the intelligent classes who pay the taxes, and whose desire is for an honest and economical administration of the government.

We feel it necessary here to disclaim any hostility to the negro or any dissatisfaction that he has been placed on a footing of civil and political equality with the white man. The eternal principles of justice demand for him equal rights. But it was certainly a misfortune that a body of people so densely ignorant as the newly emancipated slaves should of necessity be suddenly elevated to the position of legislators and rulers.

STATE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS. Major of Kingsbury of Portland, S. Garsney of Bangor and E. R. French of Chesterfield, a commission appointed by authority of the last Legislature, to report on the question of a State Industrial School for girls, have recently issued a circular inviting such towns and cities as desire to secure the location of such a school within their limits, to make proposals of land and money on or before the 1st of January. The Commission will report to the Legislature such proposals as may be received, with their own recommendations.

THE CUSHNOC HOUSE in this city which has been closed for several months past, has been leased by Mr. W. M. Thayer of the Mansfield House. He was the last but one of a family of eight, but not only a ploughing, but a practical Christian, showing his faith by a daily life of good works, and dying in the assurance of a glorious immortality. He will be greatly missed and lamented by his fellow townsmen.

THE PORTLAND DAILY PRESS, one of the most enterprising and ably conducted newspapers in Maine, makes its appearance in a new and handsome typographical outfit. We are glad to note this evidence of its prosperity.

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Foreign News.

Latest from Europe.

GREAT BRITAIN.

London, Nov. 21. The report of two vessels in the Mersey, with all on board, is confirmed. The vessels have been identified as the bark Mary Baker, bound from Liverpool to Bremen, and the British ship Arctic, from Sierra Leone to Liverpool. The Mary Baker was built at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, in 1859, and was of 285 tons burthen. Liverpool, Nov. 21. By an explosion of gas on the steamer Samson last night seven persons were slightly injured. But little damage was done to the vessel.

London, Nov. 21. Count Von Buerst, the newly appointed Ambassador of Austria to the Court of St. James, is expected to arrive this week.

London, Nov. 22. Reports of disasters from shipping by the recent storms continue on the Irish coast of France and beyond a total wreck. Five of the crew were drowned and ten saved.

London, Nov. 23. An official bulletin signed by attending physicians states that the Prince of Wales is suffering from an attack of the typhoid fever, but the symptoms are not violent.

Sir Charles Dilke delivered a lecture on royalty at Leeds, to before an audience of a thousand persons. The excitement was intense and culminated with a slight collision with the police.

Winter has set in at an unusually early date. Ponds in the vicinity of London are frozen over and the skaters are out in force. Accidents have already occurred. At Tamworth the young ice gave way and three persons were drowning.

London, Nov. 23. The indisposition of the Prince of Wales continues. His physicians state that the symptoms are those of typhoid fever. He passed a rather uncomfortable night, and this morning his case shows no signs of improvement.

The bark Caroline O. Small was run into yesterday by the steamer City of Dublin and sank; crew saved. Damage to the City of Dublin estimated at \$10,000. The Caroline is supposed to be the C. O. Small, Small, last at Sunderland for New Orleans.

London, Nov. 24. A mass meeting was held in Bristol last evening, at which the speakers were unrestrained in the denunciation of monarchy.

London, Nov. 24, noon. The condition of the Prince of Wales was no better this morning. Apprehensions of an unfavorable turn are expressed without disguise, especially as it is deemed that Prince Albert has died.

London, Nov. 24. The Prince, after a sudden attack of illness, the rumors on change to day are to the effect that the case is worse than the published bulletin represented.

The ship Juniper, Captain James, from Bombay, Nov. 24. A man, John Newland, a boy, 16, and the son of the man now dead. The Juniper was 105 tons burthen, built at Frankfort and 107 tons at Newcastle, England.

Queen Victoria has returned to Windsor Castle from Balmoral.

London, Nov. 25. The sudden and severe coldness of the weather causes great distress among the unprepared poor. The police returns show that within the city limits seventeen persons were frozen to death from the extreme cold since the ice first appeared. Measures are being taken to provide food and clothing for the suffering.

A colliery explosion occurred yesterday near Bromwich while the men were at work. Eight miners were killed. A similar accident is reported in a coal mine near Hattersley, by which twenty men were injured but no one killed.

London, Nov. 26. Evening. The physician in attendance upon the Prince of Wales issued a bulletin last evening stating that he was doing well, but that his strength was good. To-day the Prince is suffering from a severe and regular fever.

London, Nov. 27. The physician in attendance upon the Prince of Wales issued a bulletin this evening stating that the Prince has been most quiet to day. There is however no change in the symptoms of the disease, under which he is suffering.

FRANCE.

Paris, Nov. 24. A large number of sympathizers with ex-Emperor Napoleon to-day made a demonstration in the streets of Paris. The veterans of the 1848, St. German, who were of "Vive Napoleon," there was no attempt by the police to interfere with the demonstration.

Paris, Nov. 25. The publication of the *Republique* (a newspaper) has been suspended by order of the Minister of the Interior.

The commission of pardons has rejected the appeals of Ferre, Rosell and other leading Communists.

SPAIN.

Madrid, Nov. 21. The session of the Cortes was prolonged until February, 1871, until with the first of the present month. Madrid is in session.

In the meantime the decision of important gesticions now pending is postponed until the reassembling of the Cortes. It is announced that among the measures the Government has resolved to defer the imposition of a tax of 18 per cent. on the interest of the Spanish bonds until approved by the Cortes.

Madrid, Nov. 24. The Correspondencia says that the answer to the recent private inquiries, show that Spain is ready to receive favorably from Spain, proposals for the restoration of the Spanish bonds until approved by the Cortes.

GERMANY.

Berlin, Nov. 23. In the German Parliament to-day a bill was introduced and advocated by the Bavarian Minister, providing for the criminal prosecution of clergymen who abused the privileges of the church. This bill was introduced by the first of the members of the church against the encroachments of the church upon the liberties of the people. Herr Simon, President of the lower branch of Parliament, has tendered his resignation, but he was nevertheless reelected.

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I can see no changes, save those in me, Since that time we floated down yonder stream; And the bright sun t's day is a years gone by. Which at present looks but a dreamful vision. When we floated along on your river's breast, And the sun t's day a tide that leaves the shore. Till the sunburnt barge in the redressing west, And descended to the purple land of cold. I, a man, had strolled out on the silver land, And the sun t's day a years gone by. The maple's leaves have the same rich glow, The same clouds float through the ashy sky, That the sun t's day is a years gone by.

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Our Story Teller.

Written for the Maine Farmer.

HETTY ALLEN'S STORY.

At the age of seventeen, I made up my mind never to fall in love. No master how good, or how manly, or how handsome or how everything else fascinating a man might be, I resolved not to be fascinated and never, under any circumstances, imaginable, never to be married.

Do you wonder very much that one should arrive at such a determination? Considering what poor specimens of conjugal bliss may be found by thousands, I think it is not at all strange that we young people look upon married folks rather as beacon lights to warn us off from the rock on which they split, than as pleasant reminders for us to go and do likewise.

Indeed, I had no chance for falling in love, even had I so disposed, for we lived in an exceedingly out of the way place. Our house was a large, rambling farm house, overlooking a part of the broad river which formed the eastern boundary of our possessions. I loved every inch of that old form, I loved the house, and when I was a child I believed it to be a wren. I would not marry Josiah and I didn't want to marry Arthur, unless they were willing. I told Arthur so, but I thought in him that he wanted me to be his wife, and asked me if I cared for him or something like that, it all came over me that I did, considerable, so I said, yes, and we were engaged.

But the course of true love never runs smooth. Father and mother wanted me to marry Josiah, and did not want me marry Arthur because he was an Episcopalian, and that was all strange to us. We young people look upon married folks rather as beacon lights to warn us off from the rock on which they split, than as pleasant reminders for us to go and do likewise.

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"Hetty, how old is she?"

"Seventeen, father."

"Seventeen? Is she? How time passes! It seems but a little while ago she was a little baby. There is almost old enough to be married. Has that thought of it?"

"I have not," I answered.

"The mother was only sixteen when I married her. Well, child," and father coughed, blew his nose, crossed his legs, coughed again and continued: "What I am going to say is, Josiah Langton had a long talk with me yesterday, and he wishes thee for his wife, and I gave him reason to hope thee would make no objection."

"Oh, how angry I was then! What right had father to speak thus? How I hated to be jarred in for that way."

"Indeed!" I answered so calmly as possible.

"You are mistaken. If I wanted to be married very much, which I am sure I do not, Josiah Langton is the last man I should think of having."

"Hetty, thee forgottest thyself," said my mother. "They speech was disrespectful. 'Hon- thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the earth.'"

"Stop Sarah. Youth is apt to be hasty, and reason is better than correction sometimes. What objection has she to him, child?"

"I dislike him."

"Thee is speaking like a foolish girl, as the is. It is the lot of woman to marry, and I think she shows a very rebellious and unsatisfied spirit in not according to thy father's wishes. They know we have always planned for thee to be his wife. Hetty, I have always thought of him as a man of more polish and ease. I am afraid the world has too many attractions for thee. This is gay and fickle. Think carefully of what I say, don't throw away an honest man's love, or they may be lost."

"Hetty, I dislike him thoroughly. I don't know but Josiah Langton is steady and respectable and all that. I like him well enough for an acquaintance, but as for being his wife, I'd rather be deceased, with many thanks to him for the compliment of preference, if it is my compliment, which I doubt."

"What would she like to marry, then?"

"Nothing."

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"Hetty, my mother, warningly."

"Her presence is not desired here any longer. Leave the room, and pray for that grace of woman, a calm and obedient spirit."

I seized my sun-bonnet and rustled out of doors, running against Josiah, who was just entering. I never spoke to him, but, calling my dog Rover, walked rapidly off to the woods, and after wading through dried leaves, ankle deep, seated myself in a large cleft of a huge rock, picturesque and imposing enough for the throne of a queen. But I did not go to pray, as father recommended. I wasn't much given to pray in those days.

"The idea of marrying Josiah Langton," I said alone to myself, "is awful. The very touch of his hand when he shakes hands with me makes my flesh creep, and then he always sits with his fingers locked in front of him, and twirls one thumb over the other. If it was any one else but him, it would be a little better. He always talks so provokingly cool and knowing, as if he thought he was Solomon II, and I was little better than an idiot, and to think that father wants me to marry him, but I vow I will not."

I heard some one shuffling through the leaves in the path. There, he's coming. New Josiah

Langton, we'll have this matter settled. I've rejected you three times already, and now you have asked father, and here you are coming again, and you shall have no mercy from me. I have been as polite as I could, but if you can't understand a civil refusal, I'll try an uncivil one."

Rover barked and growled savagely as the steps came nearer. I looked up as they stopped in front of me, when, lo! it was not Josiah, but a stranger.

He lifted his hat and I noticed at a glance that he was not exactly handsome. He had a manly, independent air and natural unaffected manners that made me think he was used to the city, perhaps, and somehow, I had confidence in him before he had spoken half a dozen words.

"I hope I am not so disagreeable to you as your dog seems to consider me," he said. "This is Miss Allen, I think."

"Yes," I replied, blushing and trembling, hardly knowing what to say, and desisting myself for being thrown off my equilibrium so completely by a stranger.

"I met you as I was coming home from church last Sunday. My name is Merrill, I board with Mrs. Hatton in the village."

"Yes, I remember, Mrs. Hatton told me you were boarding with her. You are an artist, I think she said. Have you been sketching some of these old trees here?"

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"Well, we've been married twenty-six years now, Arthur and I, and I am as happy as well, I can't tell how happy, and I am not sorry that I waited for father's consent, for he has rested like a blessing on our married life, and now, the day I received it was Wednesday."

"Well, all the trouble came together, and now all the joy was coming likewise."

I wanted him to find the paper I saw, and when he had found it he handed it to me and I read, "Arthur Merrill, aged 81 years 5 months 3 days." Some one else you see.

I laughed then; I couldn't help it, to think I had been such a fool.

"But how did you happen to come out here just now?" I asked.

"By the merest chance; I saw your brother, and he seemed to understand all about the letters, and told me the whole story."

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